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Mark Gorenflo is the Principal Deputy for the Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy for Plans, Policy, Oversight & Integration [DUSN (PPOI)]. The DUSN (PPOI) serves as the Secretary of the Navy's primary advisor on foreign and defense policy, intelligence and maritime domain awareness. He was appointed to this position in July 2009.

Mr. Gorenflo was first appointed to the Senior Executive Service as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy for the Department of Veterans Affairs in April 2008. From September 2007 to April 2008, he served as Acting Principal Director for Forces Transformation & Resources for the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict & Interdependent Capabilities. From August 2005 to August 2007, Mr. Gorenflo served as the Director of Communications for the 7th Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, ADM E. P. Giambastiani, USN. His first appointment in the Civil Service was as the Director of the Commander's Advisory Group for the Supreme Allied Commander Transformation/Commander U.S. Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, Virginia from October 2004 to August 2005.

From 1983 to 2004, Mr. Gorenflo served as a submariner in the United States Navy, retiring as a Commander. During his Navy career, he served aboard *USS Norfolk* (SSN 714), *USS Montpelier* (SSN 765) as new construction Engineer, *USS Georgia* (SSBN 729)(Blue) as Executive Officer and commanded *USS Parche* (SSN 683).

Mr. Gorenflo graduated with distinction from the United States Naval Academy in 1983, where he served as Brigade Commander and received a bachelor's of science degree (majoring in english) as a Trident Scholar. He went on to receive a master's of arts degree in politics and philosophy as a Rhodes Scholar from the University of Oxford in 1985. Mr. Gorenflo has been awarded the CJCS Joint Distinguished Civilian Service Award, the Defense Superior Service Medal and the Legion of Merit with Gold Star, among other personal, unit and campaign awards. He is also a Life Member and an award winning author of both the U.S. Naval Institute and the Naval Submarine League.